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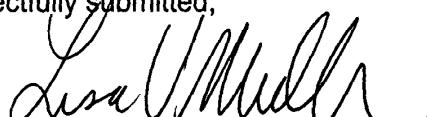
Sir:

In Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed in the above-identified application on April 3, 2001, Applicants herewith elect the invention in Group I, claims 1-11 and 13-18. This election is made without traverse. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application to the remaining, non-elected invention.

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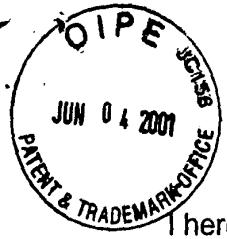
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